

## DHS Today via E-Mail May 2, 2005



### **DHS AROUND THE STATE**

#### **Hispanic Health Fair**

The **Carroll County DHS Office** held a Hispanic Health Fair on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the local community center. Carroll County DHS workers participated by being on hand to pass out information regarding DHS services. **Sherry Butler (Washington County DHS)** was the Spanish interpreter to represent the Carroll County Office. Appreciation and thanks to Sherry from the Carroll County Staff for doing a wonderful job!

The **Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center (SEADC)** will be hosting the **'Open Horizon 2005'** Conference on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This conference will provide a maximum of 8.75 continuing education hours for those in these related fields: Nursing, Social Work, and Nursing Home Administrators. For more information contact Harriet Simpkins (SEADC) at 870-226-6774.

# <u>National Women's Health Week</u> <u>May 8th - 14th</u>

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will celebrate National Women's Health Week from May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>. During the week of celebration, the signature event will be 'National Women's Check-Up Day' on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The celebration complements and supports efforts to help all women take advantage of important preventive health care services and furthers President Bush's long-range initiative to expand health care services for people without health insurance through local health centers. To obtain more information about the campaign, please visit the National Women's Health Week website at http://www.4woman.gov/whw.

#### Did you know?....

The State of Arkansas and Dell may have a deal for you. The employee purchase program allows State of Arkansas employees to get discounts on Dell computers. You can save up to 12% on the cost of a computer. Go online to DHS Gold/Systems & Technology/Employee Purchase Programs or use this link: <a href="http://dhsgold/EmplPurchaseProg.htm">http://dhsgold/EmplPurchaseProg.htm</a>. There are always links for the latest deals that are available through the EPP program.

#### **HIPAA Alert!**

<u>Speaker phones</u>...When a conversation can be heard in another office or down the hall concerning privacy matters, this is a HIPAA violation. Please be mindful not to discuss confidential client information by use of speaker phone.

#### Congratulations to...

**Harriet Simkins,** staff member at the **Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center**, will receive her Masters Degree in Education on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the graduation ceremony for the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Harriet's emphasis was in special education. Congratulations, Harriet!

#### Follow-up: DHS Central Arkansas Heart Walk

Forty-eight (48) staff and family members participated in the Heart Walk on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kimberly Stanfield (DSB) and Rosalind Johnson (DYS) were winners of the American Heart Association t-shirt drawing for heart walk participants. The DHS team raised \$5,143, which exceeded the goal total of \$4,550. Prizes, snacks, music and free health screenings are all part of this popular event. Ruby Shackleford (DYS), 2005 team leader, is looking forward to next year's event and welcomes any fund-raising ideas to make the Heart Walk an even greater success.



<u>Art Display – New Donaghey Plaza South Building</u>

2<sup>nd</sup> floor Balcony – The Arkansas Quilter's Guild Display



#### **Special Thanks from...Drew County DCFS**

The staff at the Drew County DCFS Office would like to thank the local area business that donate their time, goods and services for the county office. Following is a list of participating businesses:

Cockrell's Shoe Store Movie Gallery Circle 'N' Stores

Mazzio's Pizza Western Sizzlin
Hollywood Cinema Sonic Drive-In
Wendy's Hardee's
Wal-Mart Pizza Hut

#### **Thought for the day:**

Keep your words soft and sweet, you just may have to eat them. - Author unknown

### Community Calendar...



April 27th – Administrative Professionals Day

<u>May 5<sup>th</sup></u> – Cinco de Mayo

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day

<u>May 11<sup>th</sup></u> – Weight Watchers Meeting; e-mail <u>ruby.shackleford@arkansas.gov</u> for more information



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